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SUBJECT: REQUESTED PRESS GUIDANCE RE POSSIBLE US/USSR
OIL-GRAIN SWAP.

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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS, FUNSETH

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT GODFREY SPERLING STORY
IN CSM QUOTING A "HIGH US OFFICIAL" AS STATING THAT "THE
UNITED STATES HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON POSSI-
BILITY OF WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOSCOW TO SEND
U.S. SOME OF ITS OIL IN RETURN FOR U.S. WHEAT" WE HAVE
BEEN RESPONDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS GUIDANCE THAT:
- THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS OF SWAP
ARRANGEMENTS OF GRAIN FOR OIL;
- ANY SUCH PROPOSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT ON ITS
MERITS;
- WE KNOW OF NO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME.

2. TO THE DIRECT QUESTION OF WHETHER WE HAVE HAD ANY DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH ANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON SUCH SWAP ARRANGE-
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MENTS OR WHETHER WE WOULD DENY THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE

TAKEN PLACE, WE ARE SAYING THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME
DISCUSSIONS BUT WE DON'T KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN.

3. REQUEST ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
US FOR CONTINUING QUESTIONS RAISED BY SPERLING ARTICLE.
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